

OFFICIAL BALLOT

2023 Council of Affiliates Special Election



NACDL
Affiliate

Voting Instructions:

Each NACDL Affiliate shall be entitled to cast one ballot in the election. Ballots must be cast by an official representative of the affiliated organization, namely the executive director, an executive officer, or by an individual member of that affiliated organization designated by one of its officers. A non-officer designee must provide written documentation from an executive officer of their respective affiliate at the time of voting, which authorizes them to cast the ballot on behalf of the organization.

NACDL General Election Rules & Policy:

NACDL's Standing Board Policy prohibits any electioneering by candidates, or other individuals on behalf of a candidate. To view the full Standing Board Policy on Elections, visit: <https://www.nacdl.org/Elections/>

Voting Deadline:

Each Affiliate may cast their ballot electronically via email, so long as it is received by the established deadline. Ballots must be returned to, and received by NACDL by **5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, on February 8, 2023, 2022.** A plurality of votes cast shall elect *two candidates*.

All information on the ballot must be completed. Incomplete ballots will be void.

CANDIDATES

--There are two vacancies. Please select up to (2) candidates by filling-in the check box next to the candidate's name, or by circling their name(s)--

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jude M. Faccidomo | Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Avery B. Pardee | Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Carrie Lynn Thompson | Colorado Criminal Defense Bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chelsy Van Overmeiren | Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers |

Affiliate Organization (Required): _____

Representative casting the vote (Required): _____

Name

Title

To submit your ballot by MAIL, send to:

Jessica Stepan, Associate Executive Director, NACDL
1660 L St. NW, 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

To submit your ballot by E-MAIL, send to:

Jessica Stepan at jstepan@nacdl.org

STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Jude M. Faccidomo- Florida (FACDL)

I am now and have only ever been a criminal defense lawyer. I began my career in 2004 as a Miami Dade Assistant Public Defender. During my four and half years at the PD's office, I amassed extensive trial experience handling cases stemming from DUI to 1st degree murder. While at the Public Defender's Office, I was recruited to join the firm of this organization's own past president, Jeffrey S. Weiner. At the law office of Jeffrey S. Weiner, P.A. I spent five years handling high profile and complex criminal litigation. In 2013, I partnered with Mycki Ratzan to create our firm of Ratzan & Faccidomo where we handle state and federal criminal cases. In May of 2012, I was elected President of the Miami chapter of Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, making me at the time the organization's youngest president in its history. While Miami Chapter President I spearheaded the fight against Florida's "limited registry" law which capped the fees for court appointed counsel. I, along with integral members of FACDL-Miami, sued the circuit's chief judge and fought to eliminate the law that would have resulted in massive due process violations of indigent defendants. Due to these efforts, in 2013 I was awarded the prestigious President's Award from the Statewide FACDL organization for "personifying the spirit of the criminal defense lawyer." I have been an active member of the Statewide Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers since 2009. I have chaired many of that organization's most important committees including the young lawyers committee and the CLE committee. In 2015 I was elected Director at Large to the Board where, following the Henry/Falcon/Horsely decisions out of the Florida Supreme Court, I was specially appointed to chair the Emergency Ad Hoc Juvenile Resentencing Committee. In less than 90 days I raised over \$20,000 in donations and sponsorship to fully fund a free two-day FACDL seminar to educate private lawyers and public defenders on the complexities of juvenile resentencing matters. In recognition of this undertaking, I was again presented with FACDL's President's Award in 2016. I have also held nearly every position on the executive committee and am the organization's current and youngest president in its 34-year history. I am a past chair of the Dade County Bar Association's Criminal Court Committee and currently serve as co-chair of the Miami Dade Jury Trial Task force where I work with the circuit's Chief judge to facilitate jury trials amidst the COVID 19 pandemic. In addition to my involvement in Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and Dade County Bar Association I am a member of the Florida Association of Women Lawyers, and a Fellow with the American Bar Foundation. I am immediate past vice chair of the Florida Bar Criminal Procedure Rules Committee, and currently serve on the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration and Criminal Law Section's Executive Council. I am also a past Chair of a Florida Bar Grievance Committee and am currently a member of the Board of Advisors for St. Thomas University School of Law. I have been invited to guest lecture on topics pertaining to criminal defense at Florida Bar's Advance Federal Practice, the Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, the Miami Dade Metropolitan Police Institute as well as St. Thomas University School of Law and Florida International University School of Law. Additionally, I routinely speak on local and national news outlets to discuss high profile criminal defense cases. I have been named to the Superlawyers, Florida Legal Elite, Best Lawyers, and Florida Legal Trend consistently over the last 12 years and am the recipient of the Miami Bar Association's Sookie Williams Outstanding Community Service Award. Suffice to say, I like to be of service. I consider being a good lawyer only part of our responsibility. To truly advocate we must do so on a larger scale to effectuate larger change. This is what NACDL does. It gives a powerful voice to the collective. It would be my great honor to represent the affiliate members to the Board of such an important institution.

Avery B. Pardee- Louisiana (LACDL)

I have been a member of NACDL since I was admitted to practice in 2007. I am a partner at Jones Walker LLP and a career defense attorney practicing in New Orleans. I am the immediate past-president of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and am the Louisiana Chapter Leader of the Women's White Collar Defense Association. I am a board member for the Innocence Project of New Orleans (IPNO). My practice is focused on white collar criminal defense, including representing individuals and entities in government investigations, qui tam litigation under the False Claims Act, internal investigations, Title IX investigations and hearings on behalf of educational institutions, and compliance policy drafting and advice. My criminal practice includes representing individuals accused of Clean Water Act and other environmental offenses, bank fraud, tax fraud, health care fraud, wire fraud, immigration offenses, aggravated identity theft, drug and firearm offenses, and sex offenses. I have post-conviction and federal habeas experience representing individuals convicted of murder and other violent offenses. I secured the release of a client who had served more than 20 years on death row. I am a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel for the Eastern, Middle, and Western District of Louisiana and regularly handle appointed cases in federal courts. I have trial and appellate experience in state and federal courts, have argued before the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, and have filed a cert petition and

amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court. I graduated from Tulane University Law School, summa cum laude, in 2007, and was a member of the Tulane University Law Review and the Criminal Litigation Clinic. I graduated from Georgetown University, magna cum laude, in 2004, and served in AmeriCorps from 2001-2002.

Carrie Lynn Thompson- Colorado (CCDB)

I received my B.A. degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University where I majored in Minority/Majority Group Relations. I received my J.D. degree from University of Denver in 1987. I began my public defender career in 1987 in the Arapahoe County Office where I practiced for just over eight years. I transferred to the Denver County Office where I practiced for ten years. In the Denver Office I served as Division Lead, supervising a division of felony lawyers, handling a felony caseload and coordinating the in-house training. I became the Office Head of the Colorado Springs Office in March 2006 where I was responsible for managing and training a staff of 89 people. I retired from the Colorado State Public Defender's Office on December 31, 2014 and I am currently a sole practitioner. After leaving the Public Defender's Office, I served as the Legislative Policy Coordinator for the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar in 2016-2018. I left that position to become the lead lawyer in a double murder case that began as a capital case, was tried to a jury during the pandemic and was resolved by way of a favorable plea disposition after the jury hung 11-1 for acquittal. Throughout my career, I have served on numerous local and state level criminal justice committees including the State Judicial Advisory Counsel and the State Jury Reform Committee and served as a member of the Community Corrections Board for El Paso and Teller Counties from 2006 through 2014. I served as the president of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar in 2003-2004. Over my career, I have lectured and provided training extensively on numerous topics in the field of criminal defense in Colorado and nationally, including a series of lectures on representing clients in high profile cases, entitled, "Representing the Monsters-Taking the Jurors from Fears to Tears" which originated when I spoke at the NACDL conference held in Nashville in April 2004. I have given legal presentations to various affiliate organizations in Kansas, New Hampshire, Arkansas and Louisiana. Most recently, I gave a presentation on the topic of working with experts at NACDL's September conference on Mental Health in Savannah, Georgia. In my capacity as the Legislative Policy Coordinator for the CCDB I actively campaigned for the abolition of the death penalty and for felony murder reform. Some of the legislation that I have worked on that was successfully enacted include:

- SB 16-102 (eliminating mandatory prison sentences for most forms of second degree assault and for violation of bail bond conditions)
- SB16-051 (increasing judicial discretion re: the imposition of consecutive sentences for certain violent crimes)
- SB16-181 (allowing juveniles convicted of murder who were serving unconstitutional life without parole sentences to be resentenced to life sentences with the possibility of parole and in cases where the juvenile was convicted of felony murder the judge would have the discretion to sentence the juvenile to a determinate sentence in the range of 30-50 years; this also extended earned time to all juveniles serving life with the possibility of parole)
- SB16-180 (creating a program in the DOC that would serve as a step-down and potential avenue to an earlier release on parole for all juveniles serving lengthy adult sentences)
- HB17-1204 (expanding the opportunity for juvenile records to be expunged and simplifying the procedures)
- HB17-1302 (drastically limiting the prosecutor's ability to charge juveniles with a felony sex crime for sexting behaviors and creating a continuum of legal culpability for these behaviors that included civil infractions, petty offenses and misdemeanors and also encouraging diversion)

I received the David F. Vela Award in 1997, which recognizes extraordinary dedication to the ideals of the Colorado Public Defender System and I was named the Colorado State Public Defender Attorney of the Year in 2002. In 2012, I was recognized by the Colorado Women's Bar Association Foundation, honoring the "Second Wave," the second generation of women attorneys who continue to "raise the bar" after the first generation of women trailblazers. In 2022, I was the recipient of the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar's Jonathan Olom Award "for exceptional service and sacrifice made without regard for personal gain in the defense of the accused."

Chelsy Van Overmeiren- Illinois (IACDL)

I began my interest in criminal law as an undergraduate student at Iowa State University. After my first year and second year of undergrad, I interned at the Kane County State's Attorney's Office (KCSAO) in the Child Advocacy

Center (CAC). While at the CAC, I supported the attorneys and learned about child sexual abuse investigations and prosecutions. Thereafter, I enrolled in pre-law courses at Iowa State my senior year, including Constitutional law. After graduating cum laude with a double major in political science and international studies, I applied to and was accepted into Chicago – Kent College of Law. While in law school, I clerked for an Illinois Circuit Court Judge, earned a CALI award of excellence in Conflict of Laws, and competed across the nation for Chicago-Kent's nationally ranked trial team. I continue my commitment to Chicago-Kent's Trial Advocacy Program coaching students on the trial team and teaching trial advocacy courses as an adjunct professor. As a second-year law student, I took a part-time job with a Chicago criminal defense firm. I worked on case reviews, drafted Fourth and Fifth Amendment motions, and assisted the attorneys with discovery management and trial preparation. After graduation, the firm hired me as an associate attorney, and I have remained with the firm ever since. Despite scaled back courtroom operations during the global pandemic, I have argued significant pretrial motions and litigated contested matters in both federal and state court. Last summer I tried my first federal jury trial. By the close of 2022, I expect to have tried at least six more jury trials with other members of the firm. Also, I am currently working on several pro bono criminal cases, an appointed civil rights case, and I am earning credits towards being able to join the CJA Panel. I am an active member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("NACDL"). I serve on NACDL's Women in Criminal Defense and Decarceration committees. During the pandemic. I worked as a research assistant and editor for NACDL's COVID-19 Task Force. I have also contributed to several CLE's, including Race Matters in Los Angeles and Chicago. I currently serve as a board member to the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers ("IACDL"). Please let me know if I can provide any additional information in support of my candidacy for this position. Thank you again for your consideration.